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SUBJ: KHMER SITUATIONER - FEBRUARY 7, 1975

1. GOVERNMENT MILITARY AND CIVIL AUTHORITIES NOW REPORT THAT A TOTAL OF TWELVE CHILDREN WERE KILLED AND UP TO FIFTY MORE WERE WOUNDED WHEN A COMMUNIST 107MM ROCKET HIT A PRIMARY SCHOOL YESTERDAY MORNING IN CENTRAL PHNOM PENH. TWO OTHER ROCKETS HIT NEAR THE CENTRAL MARKET KILLING FOUR CIVILIANS AND WOUNDING ANOTHER TWENTY-FIVE. AT MIDNIGHT LAST NIGHT ANOTHER COMMUNIST ROCKET HIT THE LYCEE PROVIDENCE IN THE NORTHWEST SECTION OF PHNOM PENH. FORTUNATELY, NO CASUALTIES WERE REPORTED BECAUSE THE SCHOOL WAS NOT IN SESSION AT THE TIME. SIX MORE ROCKETS HIT NORTH OF POCHENTONG AIRFIELD AT AROUND DAY-BREAK THIS MORNING. NO CASUALTIES OR DAMAGE WERE REPORTED.

2. FANK MADE SOME PROGRESS YESTERDAY IN CONTINUING EFFORTS TO ELIMINATE ENEMY POSITIONS ON THE EAST BANK OF THE MEKONG  
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ACROSS FROM PHNOM PENH. FANK TOOK TWO POSITIONS, KILLED

FIVE COMMUNIST SOLDIERS, AND CAPTURED TWO WEAPONS IN HEAVY FIGHTING. TWELVE GOVERNMENT SOLDIERS WERE WOUNDED. COMMUNIST GUNNERS CONTINUED TO HARASS GOVERNMENT POSITIONS WITH ROCKET AND MORTAR FIRE YESTERDAY ALONG THE BASSAC RIVER SOUTH OF PHNOM PENH. SOUTHWEST OF THE CITY FANK REPORTED AN INCREASE IN COMMUNIST MORTAR ATTACKS AND GROUND PROBES AGAINST THIRD DIVISION POSITIONS. UNITS OF THE FANK SEVENTH DIVISION REOPENED THE ROAD LEADING TO THE DIVISION HEADQUARTERS NORTH OF PHNOM PENH.

3. KHMER NAVY CRAFT YESTERDAY EVACUATED PERSONNEL OF TWO FANK BATTALIONS WHICH HAD HELD EXPOSED POSITIONS DURING THE PAST THREE WEEKS AT PREK YUON ON THE WEST BANK OF THE MEKONG APPROXIMATELY FORTY KILOMETERS SOUTH OF PHNOM PENH. THE BATTALIONS' LOSSES DURING THIS PERIOD ARE REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN HEAVY. COMMUNIST PRESSURE AGAINST FANK DEFENSE POSITIONS AT THE PROVINCIAL CAPITAL OF KOMPONG CHHNANG HAS DIMINISHED DURING THE PAST TWENTY-FOUR HOURS AND THE MILITARY SITUATION THERE IS REPORTED TO HAVE STABILIZED. FANK REPORTS CONTINUING COMMUNIST MORTAR ATTACKS AND GROUND PROBES AGAINST GOVERNMENT POSITIONS AT OUDONG AND LOVEK NORTH OF PHNOM PENH.

4. FANK REHULSE  
COMMUNIST ATTACKS AGAINST GOVERNMENT DEFENSE POSITIONS NEAR SVAY RIENG CITY IN EASTERN CAMBODIA YESTERDAY, KILLING THIRTEEN COMMUNIST SOLDIERS AND CAPTURING TWELVE WEAPONS. COMMUNIST GUNNERS HIT GOVERNMENT POSITIONS IN EIGHT SEPERATE ATTACKS YESTERDAY ALONG THE SOUTHERN MEKONG. FANK GUNNERS NEAR KAMPOT CITY SANK A SMALL BOAT KILLING TWELVE COMMUNIST SOLDIERS IN CONTINUING EFFORTS YESTERDAY TO EXPAND KAMPOT'S DEFENSE PERIMETER.

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